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MONITORING INTERVENTIONAL THERAPIES

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**SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph after the Title:

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**--RELATED APPLICATION DATA**

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Continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/942,989, filed Oct. 2, 1997, now  
abandoned.--

Please delete entirely the three paragraphs captioned "Brief Description of the  
Drawings," which commence on page 9, line 28 of the specification and continue to and  
including page 10, line 6.

Please replace the paragraph at page 58, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The three samples were then used to monitor the thermal denaturation of the  
4.5% HSA solutions. To do this,  $T_1$  data (and thus  $R_1$  data ( $=1/T_1$ )) for each sample was

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